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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Project on Antarctica for Department of State

1. On 15 September 1958, Messrs. Blanchet and Lubcoensky of the Department of State talked with [REDACTED] and myself concerning a project 25X1A9a which they wished CIA to undertake for them. The project, for lack of a title, could be described as one which would supply information to aid in the preparation of a treaty to insure the peaceful use of Antarctica during the years 1959-1965 or some other suitable period. They brought a tentative outline with them which was based upon a study that [REDACTED] 25X1A9a and others did concerning inspection of missile deployment. I spent considerable time determining, as best we could, the nature of the information which would be most useful to the Department of State in the treaty-making process. We finally agreed we would ascertain whether CIA could undertake such a study.

25X1A9a 2. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a and I met with [REDACTED] of ONE 25X1A9a to enlist [REDACTED] services as Chairman of the Symposium to develop the paper for State. [REDACTED] was reluctant to accept, but said he would explore the matter with Sherman Kent and possibly General Truscott. I assured him that we were not interested in ONE's participation per se, except as they could contribute in the group, but that we were primarily interested in his particular competence to lead the group in the development of a final paper by acting as Chairman. The next day, [REDACTED] 25X1A9a called [REDACTED] and told him that he could not accept the responsibility. He advised that the State Department have Mr. Cummings bring the matter before the USIB and request a paper on the subject which would meet State needs. This would be the correct way to give the problem to the intelligence community according to [REDACTED]

25X1A9a 3. In a meeting of Messrs. [REDACTED] following this 25X1A9a response from [REDACTED], we were in disagreement with the procedure that [REDACTED] suggested relative to the submission of the request to the USIB. We agreed that it would be far better to have a person in the Department of State chair the Committee, with representatives from all interested agencies participating, and thus not run the risk of a referral of the preparation of the paper by the USIB to some military unit. It was agreed that [REDACTED] 25X1A9a and I would talk with Mr. Amory and seek his approval for this approach and advice to State. This [REDACTED] and I did; Mr. Amory was in full approval of telling State that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] -- the logical chairmen 25X1A9a of such a group -- were not available and that we would suggest that State provide the chairman and not refer the matter to the USIB.

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4. On 18 September, I called Mr. Luboeansky, ARA, Department of State to tell him of the position that we had taken, and that we were very sorry we could not undertake the job for him under the circumstances of my approaching departure from the country. I also informed him that we advised that the Committee chairmanship be supplied by State rather than CIA. He indicated that he would take the matter up with [REDACTED] and get his advice, even though he would not seek to place the matter before the USIB. 25X1A9a

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